

SPRING TRAINING



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The Angels' Eric Young Jr., left, high-fives Shohei Ohtani after the Japanese transplant's fifth-inning RBI single against the San Diego Padres at the Peoria Sports Complex in Peoria, Arizona, on Monday. Below, Ohtani watches as his hit drives in a run.

ANGELS' OHTANI GETS INTO SWING

Angels fans saw Shohei Ohtani pitch Saturday, but the player some call “Japan’s Babe Ruth” because of his two-way prowess didn’t bat until Monday. Ohtani, who chose to play for the Angels in December after five seasons with the Nippon Ham Fighters, reached base in all three of his plate appearances. The first two times were on walks and the third on an RBI single. He promptly was removed from the game for a pinch runner, but he made an impression. “Right now, it’s really just getting your feet on the ground, seeing some velocity,” Angels manager Mike Scioscia said. “It’s three good at-bats for Shohei.” Ohtani could hit again today and is next scheduled to pitch Friday. **FULL COVERAGE IN SPORTS**



ENVIRONMENT

BABY BOOMERS ARE EMBRACING ‘GREENER’ FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS

By Lauren Williams
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When Jackie Wilson dies, she’ll leave this world as she lived in it.

In her 76 years, the retired family doctor has hiked 125 miles of the Appalachian Trail. She has sailed and ridden horses, camped and kayaked.

Four years ago, after she’d complained of blurred vision in one eye, Wilson was told she had a rare and incurable form of stage 4 lung cancer. The cancer, she also was told, had spread to her eyes, bones and liver.

It was then that Wilson decided her exit from this world would be in keeping with her values, causing as little harm to the earth as possible.

“I drive an electric car. I eat organic. That’s the kind of person I am,” said Wilson, who alternates living in Southern California and New Jersey.

“When I heard they embalm you with formaldehyde, and put you in a cement vault, and then they bury you in the ground on this manicured lawn with all kinds of toxic herbicides and weed killers, I decided I couldn’t be buried in that kind of situation.”

Wilson is part of a growing world of people who are shunning conventional burials and even cremation — repulsed by the environmental impacts — in favor of burials that are super earth-friendly, low-tech

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Pallbearers carry the plain casket of Jeff Miller, 53, who was one of a growing number who see traditional burials as polluting and wasteful of resources.

IMMIGRATION

Justices hold off on DACA case

Trump’s bid to bypass lower courts rejected

By Jessica Gresko
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON » The Supreme Court on Monday rejected the Trump administration’s highly unusual bid to bypass a federal appeals court and get the justices to intervene in the fate of a program that protects hundreds of thousands of young immigrants from deportation.

The announcement means the case affecting “Dreamers” will have to work its way through the lower courts before any Supreme Court ruling is possible. The case could also become moot if Congress takes action in the meantime. Right now, however, efforts to address the issue in Congress have hit a stalemate.

The Supreme Court’s decision for now to stay out of the case on the Obama-era Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program, or DACA, wasn’t surprising. It’s highly unusual for the Supreme Court to hear a case before a lower appeals court has considered it.

But DACA supporters hailed the decision as a significant — if only temporary — win. Trump said the case would now be heard by an appeals court and “we’ll see what happens from there.”

“You know, we tried to get it moved quickly because we’d like to help DACA. I think everybody in this room wants to help with DACA,” he said to visiting governors. “But the Supreme Court just ruled that it has to go through the normal channels.”

DACA has provided protection from deportation and work permits for about 800,000 young people who came to the U.S. as children and stayed illegally.

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CALIFORNIA

Cannabis Inc. grows its political clout

The budding industry is marshaling plenty of campaign cash

By Jeff Horseman
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As they work to grow their newly legal industry, many in California’s cannabis businesses are looking to grow their political clout.

And, at all levels of politics, candidates and backers of many causes are likely to help them do just that.

Once quick to say, “I didn’t inhale,” California politicians today are quick to accept campaign contributions from donors with ties to marijuana commerce or the drug legalization movement. Since 2001, campaign finance records show, cannabis-connected donors have given more than \$831,000 to people running for state offices, with about a third of the contributions coming over the past three years.

But that \$831,000 is almost certainly just a fraction of what’s been given. It doesn’t count cannabis donations to local government leaders or to people running for federal office. What’s more, it’s hard to track every contribution by every marijuana-minded donor.

With recreational marijuana now legal in California, observers wonder if cannabis will come to rival labor unions, developers and other traditional sources of campaign cash. Some look to the rise of Indian gaming money — which has become a powerful

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HIP-HOPPING FOR ‘HAMILTON’ JOY



MINDY SCHAUER — STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Holly Thach celebrates after securing four tickets to “Hamilton” at the Segerstrom Center for the Arts in Costa Mesa on Monday, when individual tickets for the hit rap musical’s three-week run went on sale. About 1,000 people waited hours in the morning cold, while many times that number tried for tickets online. **STORY ON PAGE 3.**

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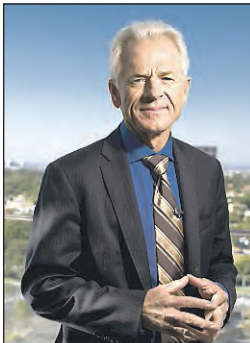
Former UCI professor in line for promotion at White House

President Trump could soon promote Peter Navarro, a longtime trade skeptic who has been sidelined by more pro-trade voices inside the administration. **PAGE 14**

LOCAL NEWS

‘Rehab Mogul’ convicted

Christopher Bathum is found guilty of rape and drug dealing and could serve 65 years in state prison. **PAGE 3**



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